

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 60 of the First Extraordinary Session  
By Robinson

A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate Mr. William M. Greathouse on the celebration of his 80th birthday.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the elected representatives of the state of Tennessee should recognize citizens who are celebrating milestones in their venerable lives; and

WHEREAS, Mr. William M. Greathouse will celebrate his 80th birthday on April 29 of this year, an occasion which will be commemorated with great joy in remembering the past, giving thanks for the present and eagerly anticipating the future; and

WHEREAS, because of his valuable contributions to this state, April 29 will be designated as "William M. Greathouse Day" throughout Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, in 1938, William Greathouse answered a higher calling to "spread the gospel" and began his ministry as pastor in Jackson, Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, loving the Lord and endeavoring to live an exemplary Christian life, he has continued his ministry at churches in Franklin, Nashville, and Clarksville; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Greathouse was the faithful pastor of the historic Nashville First Church of the Nazarene from 1958-1963, while also lending his God-given talents to Trevecca Nazarene University as a popular teacher, the distinguished Dean of Religion, and the astute president of the university from 1963-1968; and

WHEREAS, after his honorable tenure as the president of Trevecca, William Greathouse was elected president of the Nazarene Theological Seminary in Kansas City, Missouri; and

WHEREAS, in 1976, Mr. Greathouse was elected to serve as the general superintendent of the Church of the Nazarene, an important position he held with great distinction until his retirement in 1989; and

WHEREAS, throughout his laudable career, Mr. Greathouse has eloquently authored numerous books and articles; he graciously continues to teach at Trevecca as professor emeritus in the department of religion; and

WHEREAS, a model citizen and wonderful human being who has invested his entire life in people, and many consider themselves lucky and grateful to have known Mr. Greathouse; and

WHEREAS, he is a champion of young people who expresses his faith in God by example and teaching; hundreds of students and ministers consider him to be their spiritual father because of the love and personal interest he showed them; and

WHEREAS, a true son of Tennessee, William Greathouse has been a valuable resident of the Middle Tennessee area for much of his life and is a source of pride for this great state; and

WHEREAS, the members of this body find it appropriate to pause in their deliberations to specially recognize one of Tennessee's finest citizens; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIRST GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, That we honor and congratulate Mr. William M. Greathouse on the occasion of his 80th birthday, celebrate April 29, 1999 as "William M. Greathouse Day" and extend to him our best wishes for many happy returns.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.